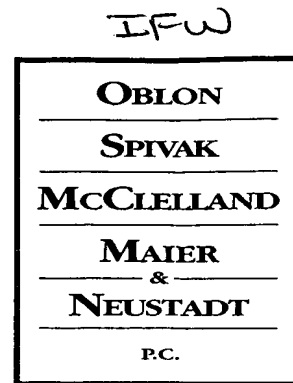




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The following is in response to the Office communication dated March 6, 2007.

The Office communication finds that the Amendment filed December 12, 2006, in effect, presents claims to a new invention while canceling all claims drawn to the pending invention. The Examiner finds that the originally presented claims were drawn to a mixture of isocyanates, while the newly presented claims are drawn to an intermediate which does not require all of the isocyanates required of the originally presented claims.

As discussed below, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's findings, since the amended claims are drawn simply to a narrower embodiment of the invention presented by the original claims, as now discussed.

Original Claim 1 read as follows:

A mixture comprising:
(A) an isocyanurate and/or biuret of 1,6-diisocyanatohexane (HDI) ("HDI-trimer"),